

**CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10TH OCTOBER 2017:**

President Richard West opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed the 15 members present. He introduced the speaker **Peter White** and invited him to present his display on **Monaco**.



The display covered the period from **1885 to 1956**. Monaco has been ruled by the Grimaldi family since 1303 – this could be the longest reigning family of any area in the world!

The first issue of stamps was in 1885. Peter' display showed all the stamp issues since that date up to 1956 and all of them used. There was, particularly in the early years, a large display of postal stationery as well as envelopes, letter cards, postcards, covers, registered covers, airmails and miniature sheets. The display illustrated the rise in postal rates over time. The conclusion of the display was of postage dues – one set being triangular stamps. Is this the only example of triangular postage dues in the world?

Members enjoyed looking at the displays. The meeting closed at 21.00 hours with a vote of thanks from President Richard.

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